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The house of representatives has passed the post office appropriation bill.

The damage suit of Mrs. A. W. Slayback against John A. Cockerill, is in progress at St. Louis.

COMMERCIAL travelers who go to Virginia have to pay a license fee of \$400. It is proposed to repeal the law.

Gov. HENRICKS, of Indiana, has stated to a representative of the Indianapolis News that he will not be a candidate for any office in 1884.

The supreme court of Kentucky has decided that beer is not a spirituous liquor, and that a place where beer is the only liquor sold is not a tippling house.

The hotel bill of the tariff commission, at Long Branch, was \$6,000. It is suggested that next time a commission goes there the government purchase the hotel as a measure of economy.

The state commissioner of agriculture, in his forthcoming report will give an estimate of the corn and wheat crops of Kentucky, showing that there have been produced 60,000,000 bushels of corn and 17,000,000 bushels of wheat.

The pension roll contains 376,784 names. The total amount disbursed up to the present time under the act of payment of arrears is \$97,891,506 98. The estimate for future payments of arrears under existing laws is put at \$204,795,000.

The oldest man on the pension rolls is Simpson Harris, of Putnam county, Ind. He is 105 years old and served in the war of 1812 with the Ninth Carolina volunteers. Representative Mason of Indiana has prepared a bill which he will present in the house increasing his pension allowance from \$8 to \$50 a month.

Why should there be a greater tax imposed than the expenses of government require? Every cent beyond that requirement is an impediment to national prosperity and an advantage to congressional thieves. We are not the author of the foregoing paragraph, but the sentiment therein expressed we fully endorse. Reduce the taxes.

STEPHEN JETT, of Breathitt county, is at Frankfort for the purpose of obtaining the protection of the military at his approaching trial for murder. He killed Wm. Davidson last August, it is alleged, in self defense, and has since been mercilessly persecuted by the dead man's friends and relatives. It is said the governor will, if necessary, send one of the Frankfort companies to Breathitt county during the trial.

IMMEDIATELY on the reassembling of congress a bill will be passed in the house repealing the duty on salt, bituminous, semi-bituminous and anthracite coal, the object being to take that much of the tariff out of the hands of the committee who would only propose a small reduction on these articles. This has been done by the house two or three times before, but has always been killed in the senate, but this time it is believed that body will concur.

JOHN D. WHITE, who has been under bond to quit making an ass of himself, has again been indulging in the hifalutin. The Washington correspondent of the Courier-Journal says that he has written the following letter to one of the executive departments:

TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL: In that grand old country where liberty was rocked in its cradle and the spirit of man has known no submission, where the wild winds in its mossy dell and winding vales heedlessly kiss the dew drops from the mantling cheek of the Goddess of Liberty, my constituents have been convicted of moonshining.

The U. S. J. remarks that "this is a pretty good specimen of soaring aloft on eagles' wings and alighting on daddy's woodpile." John D.'s reconstruction is a miserable failure.

## DORSEY'S REVELATION.

He Publishes Some Notable and Surprising Correspondence.

The Full Text of Mr. Garfield's Letter to Chester A. Arthur—An Interesting Document.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Dorsey has given to the New York Herald a great mass of correspondence that took place between himself and others, and between prominent Republicans, during the campaign of 1880. One letter is especially interesting to your Indiana readers, and I give it in full. It is from Garfield to Arthur.

MENTOR, O., August 30, 1880.—Dear General: It is clear to me that we are now at the most critical point of the campaign, and the victory will be made certainly possible or seriously imperiled by our management of Indiana during the next fortnight. On what I now write I assume we shall carry Maine in September. If we carry Indiana in October the rest is comparatively easy. We shall make a very serious, perhaps a fatal mistake, if we do not throw all our available strength into that state. I have taken pains to ascertain the situation of the parties there, not from extensive correspondence alone, but I have sent intelligent and trustworthy observers to various parts of the state to make special inquiries on various aspects of the contest. Let me summarize the situation as it now appears. There is much internal disagreement among the Democratic leaders. The bitterness of Hendricks over his defeat, his jealousy of McDonald, the general unpopularity of English, the soft money record of Landers in collision with their national platform, and the hard money views of English and McDonald, and finally the anger of the Greenbackers at the Democracy for dropping De La Matyr and going back on the Greenback party generally.

"There is almost perfect harmony in our ranks, and much more enthusiasm than we have seen in that state at any time since 1872. The hard times of recent years was felt with exceptional severity in that state, and the reaction which prosperity brings has been correspondingly great. Many business Democrats in various parts of the state have openly joined us on the ground that they fear prosperity will be imperiled by the success of Democracy.

"From twenty-five thousand to thirty thousand voters of Indiana are members of the denomination of Disciples and at least half of them are Democrats. A quiet but very earnest movement, wholly outside of the state committee, has been organized and has been vigorously and judiciously pushed with the strongest probability that at least two thousand five hundred changes of votes in our favor will result. I conclude this summary by saying that from the hundreds of reports and interviews I have had, hardly one admits a doubt that we can carry the state. To do this we must overcome a Democratic majority of 6,000. Our danger arises from two sources. From the unusually large number of doubtful voters disclosed by the canvass which is now nearly completed for the whole state. While that canvass is strongly in our favor, it shows the field in which the Democracy will use their peculiar influences, and in which we must confront them. From importations from neighboring states where no elections are held in October. The recent successes of the Democracy in Indiana have been gained mainly by this means, and their money has been largely expended for this purpose. Much money is wanted. Our friends have the full census reports to aid them in checking importations. They say they will be able to secure the friendly co-operation of nearly all the railroads running into the state. They will have United States supervisors appointed for the first time. They propose to station active and trustworthy Republicans in all the border counties, to watch the importing movements of the Democrats. All these plans require the employment of a large number of men and much money, and this brings me to the chief point. It is indispensably necessary that the means for putting these plans into vigorous execution be furnished at once.

The work has started, and must be supported promptly to insure success. I have written thus fully because I understood that our friends in New York are in doubt about the wisdom of making much effort for Indiana. I am certain this is erroneous. Success in Indiana will be an immense help to New York and all other close states. Please read this letter to Morton, and if you concur in the views I have taken, urge him to act as promptly and vigorously as possible. I went over the whole ground with Senator Dorsey when he was here en route for Chicago, and his letters since his arrival there strongly confirm my opinions. Another thing he told me, that Senator Conkling would make his opening speech in the West at such time and place as you and I thought best. Dorsey and New now write me that a great convention of Republican clubs is to be held at Indianapolis on the 15th of September, which will bring together a great assembly of the most active Republicans of at least a dozen states, and they are very anxious to have the senator address that meeting. In view of the nature of the meeting, and its importance to Indiana, I am sure he could do great good by accepting their invitation. If you concur please present the request to him for us both. Please let me hear the result of your conference with Morton as soon as possible. Very truly yours,

"J. A. GARFIELD,

"To Hon. C. A. Arthur, New York."

THE HERALD'S COMMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Commenting on the Dorsey letters, the Herald says:

"These letters prove beyond a shadow

of doubt that Dorsey was the intimate and trusted friend of Garfield; that, as a candidate for the presidency and as president-elect, Garfield had of his own desire the closest and most confidential relations with Dorsey, and it will, we believe, be the general feeling, in view of these letters, that Garfield did not defend his friend as such a friend ought to have been defended. We do not mean to say that Dorsey was such a friend as the presidential candidate of the Republican party and its president-elect ought to have had, but he who reads these letters and dispatches will see that, in fact, of all the men who gathered about him, Dorsey was apparently his chosen friend, counsellor and intimate, and in this view it seems to us, however disagreeable it may have been to Garfield, it was his manly duty when his friend Dorsey was attacked to stand up for him. It would have been better for Garfield to have resigned the presidency than to have begun his career in that office with the prosecution of a man who had been up to the day of his inauguration apparently his trusted, confidential, zealous friend, and about whose past career he was necessarily so well informed that he could not have claimed that these accusations of complicity with the star route came upon him as a surprise."

#### NEWS BREVITIES.

The Sullivan-Elliott fight is off. The Elliott-Allen fight is not likely to take place.

The Mexican congress has adjourned until the 1st of April.

A new steamship line between Havre and Quebec is proposed.

Columbia college boat club have accepted Harvard's challenge for an eight-oared race.

A fire in the Barton block, at Minneapolis, Monday, destroyed \$90,000 worth of property.

James Lyons, a member of the Confederate congress, is dead at Richmond, Va., aged 81.

Two harvesters began cutting ice six inches thick from the Hudson river at Albany.

The gin house of R. T. Elliott, near Edwards, Miss., burned, with six bales of cotton.

Thaddeus Keller, aged thirteen, was cut in two by a locomotive at Piedmont, W. Va.

Nehemiah Cheesman, an old pioneer was killed by falling on the ice near Hagerstown, Ind.

Prof. J. D. Haetings, professor at Park College, Parkville, Mo., strangled himself to death.

Andrews, formerly official reporter of the house of representatives, died at Syracuse, Monday.

A fire at Corsicana, Texas, burned two cotton sheds, containing between 1,500 and 2,000 bales of cotton.

Chas. Haverstick, farm hand near Dayton, Ohio, committed suicide by shooting. No cause known.

Columbus Travis, of Macon, Ga., aged twenty-four, and but two weeks married, killed himself Monday.

The residence of Rev. C. H. Gregory, Altus, Arkansas, was burned Sunday. Loss \$5,000, no insurance.

The new National Petroleum Exchange, at New York, was opened Monday; and 500 seats were sold.

The boot and shoe firm of P. J. Walk & Co., of Danville, Ill., has failed. Liabilities, \$19,000; assets, 12,000.

A fire at Albany, Ga., destroyed three houses belonging to Jacob Ventulett. Loss \$20,000, insurance \$14,000.

Rev. Dr. Behrends, of Providence, R. I., has been called to a Brooklyn church and offered a salary of \$10,000 a year.

The annual meeting of the Ohio Beekeepers' Association will be held in Columbus on the 9th and 10th of January.

At Chicago, Monday, Judge Blodgett sentenced Sims, the Indianapolis pension swindler, to five years in the penitentiary.

Cook Foster, a respected Ross county, farmer, was struck by a passing train, near Higby Station, and instantly killed.

Cresco, Iowa, is excited over the death of August Nast, a German, from trichina. His wife and three children are also sick.

The New Orleans cotton exchange refuses to assist in raising the \$500,000 for the proposed centennial cotton exposition in 1884.

A Tragedy at Millington, Tennessee, Saturday, resulted in the killing of Wm. Dickens by another young man named Dixie Knight.

Charles Bowman, colored, fell from the steeple of Avery Chapel, Memphis, which he was repairing, Monday, afternoon, and broke his neck.

Indicative of the great slaughter of deer going in on Minnesota it is stated by a gentleman hunter that 400 saddles of venison were shipped from the little station of Henckly last Saturday.

A fire at Hope, Arkansas, Saturday night burned an entire block of wooden buildings and 225 bales of cotton belonging to the St. Louis & Iron Mountain Railroad Company. Loss \$30,000.

At the Middlebury Coal Company's shaft, a few miles south of Akron, Ohio, George Reese and John Jones, miners, were crushed to death by a stone weighing fifty tons falling upon them.

Thomas B. Cull, who recently fired at J. B. Corpening, in Barr's dry goods store, in St. Louis, died at the city hospital Monday, to which he was transferred from jail. He was a morphine eater.

George Steel's saddle tree factory in East Nashville, Tenn., the largest in the South, was burned Monday. No insurance. D. C. Paysley, an old man was probably fatally injured by a falling chimney.

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